

Resolution authorizing a contract with Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc. to provide uninsured/underinsured County residents access to prescription drugs (Community Partnerships) (\$50,000)

WHEREAS, approximately 134,000 of our Franklin County residents are uninsured, and the lack of access to healthcare and affordable prescriptions contributes to lost productivity in our workplace and schools, and causes critical delays in receiving vital medical treatment for all of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, by improving access to medically necessary prescription medications for the uninsured and underinsured, individual health outcomes will improve and the community at large will benefit with lower health care costs overall; and

WHEREAS, the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc. is a new healthcare collaborative whose mission is to be a “bridge” pharmacy to improve access to affordable prescription drugs for low income uninsured and underinsured persons who experience gaps in coverage; and

WHEREAS, the pharmacy will improve health care access and affordability by creating a single resource to assist low-income residents in accessing medically prescribed medications and navigating the various free/discounted prescription programs currently available; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Health, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 3701-36-04, may operate programs to protect people from disease and injury; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Health, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 3701-36-08, may operate programs to address the need for personal health services and reduce specific gaps in access to critical health services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.15, the Franklin County Board of Health may authorize the County to exercise any power and perform any function on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Health; and

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WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Health, pursuant to Resolution 10-014, adopted February 9, 2010, authorized the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to enter into contract with the Physicians Free Clinic to provide access to health care; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Commissioners, in recognition of the benefits to the citizens of Franklin County, desire to participate in this planning and assist in establishing and operating programs to assure the health and well-being of citizens of Franklin County Ohio pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3709.283; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

That the attached purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List, and the attached collaboration agreement between Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc. and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the period of June 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 are hereby approved.

Prepared by Kate Matheny

cc: Auditor

Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc.